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Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Take Seasonal Plunge

The seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates in the Fox Valley WDA declined in all counties of the area. The rate for the region was down 0.7 of a percentage point from March and 0.2 of a percentage point from last April. This is typical for the month of April. If you look at the graph on the bottom of the page you can see that average monthly decrease over that last 12 years in the region is 0.5 of a percentage point.

The rate for the three counties that make up the Appleton/Oshkosh (MSA) was 5.2 percent. The rate in the MSA is typically lower than the average for the four non MSA counties in the region. The rate for the four non-metro counties was 5.9 percent down 1.1 of a percentage point over the month. This was slightly above the State of Wisconsin's unadjusted rate of 5.8 percent.

Green Lake had the highest unemployment level in the region at 7.2 percent, while the Appleton/Oshkosh MSA was the lowest. All of the counties in the region had lower unemployment rates than one year ago, except Waupaca County which was unchanged at

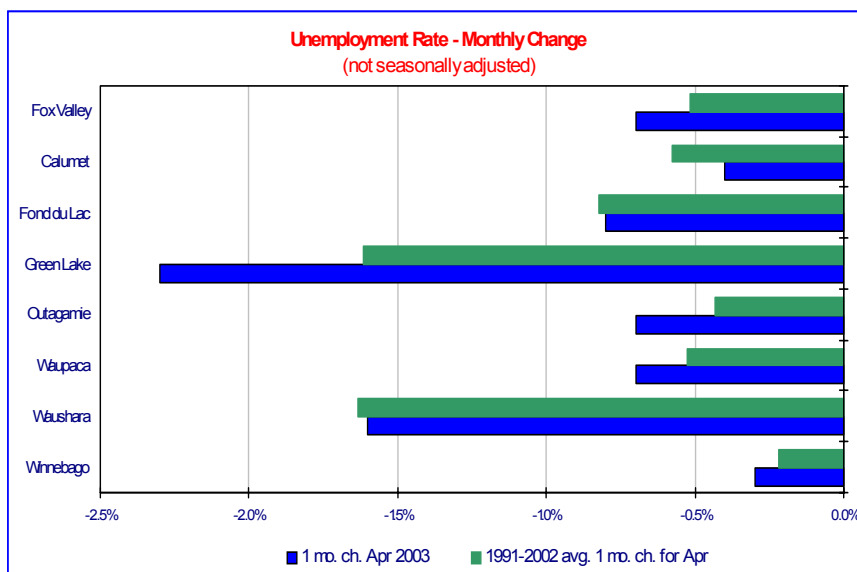
6.5 percent.

The decline in the rate was the result of the number of workers finding employment over the month as the number employed rose 2,700 to 331,300. At the same time there was limited growth of the area's labor force in April. The number in the labor force increased by 400 to 350,400. This should change in May and June as a large number of students and other seasonal workers enter the labor market for summer employment.

Labor Force Estimates (Seasonally Adjusted)				
	Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA	Wisconsin	United States (000s)	
April-2003				
Civilian Labor Force	240,800	3,091,900	146,473	
Employment	229,200	2,925,900	137,687	
Unemployment	11,600	166,000	8,786	
Unemployment rate	4.8%	5.4%	6.0%	
March-2003 Change				
Civilian Labor Force	-	(14,100)	680	
Employment	-	(9,200)	339	
Unemployment	-	(4,900)	341	
Unemployment rate	0.0%	-0.1%	0.2%	
April-2002 Change				
Civilian Labor Force	7,400	62,200	1,710	
Employment	7,500	63,600	1,491	
Unemployment	(100)	(1,500)	219	
Unemployment rate	-0.2%	-0.1%	0.0%	

Note: All estimates are round and preliminary, based on place of residence.

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While certain types of summer jobs will remain unaffected by the downturn in the economy, some types of jobs will be in tight supply. These will primarily be with occupations related to manufacturing and possibly business services which have been impacted by the economy.

Jobs that are related to tourism will generally have the same availability, although there may be additional competition for some of these jobs if laid off workers opt to supplement

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their household income with summer work.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

The seasonally adjusted rate for the Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA remained at 4.8 percent. This compares to 5.0 percent one year ago.

The nation's unemployment rate was 6.0 percent, an increase of 0.2 of a percentage point. The rate for Wisconsin was down 0.1 of a percentage point to 5.4 percent. The Green Bay MSA was at 4.8 percent, unchanged from last month.

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April 2003	App/Osh/Neenah	Fond du Lac	Green Lake	Waupaca	Waushara	Region	Non MSA's	Wisconsin
Civilian Labor Force*	239,600	59,000	11,000	28,400	12,400	350,400	110,800	3,074,500
Employed	227,100	55,900	10,200	26,600	11,600	331,300	104,300	2,896,600
Unemployed	12,400	3,100	800	1,800	800	19,000	6,500	177,800
Unemployment rate(%)	5.2%	5.3%	7.2%	6.5%	6.7%	5.4%	5.9%	5.8%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	4.8%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.4%
Total Nonfarm	207,200	49,100	7,900	21,800	6,200	292,200	85,000	2,765,100
Total Private	182,600	43,000	6,600	17,700	4,700	254,500	71,900	2,337,700
Goods Producing	64,100	13,600	1,900	5,900	1,000	86,500	22,400	627,200
Service Producing	143,100	35,500	6,000	16,000	5,200	205,700	62,600	2,137,900
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	12,700	2,800	500	800	300	17,100	4,400	112,600
Manufacturing	51,400	10,800	1,400	5,000	700	69,300	17,900	514,600
Trade	30,100	7,100	1,000	2,900	1,000	42,100	12,000	425,000
Transportation & Utilities	6,700	1,500	260	500	400	9,400	2,700	310,000
Financial Activities	11,400	1,900	390	800	200	14,600	3,200	155,700
Education and Health Services	21,500	6,600	1,100	2,800	800	32,800	11,300	362,500
Leisure & Hospitality	16,500	4,900	1,000	2,600	800	25,700	9,200	232,700
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	32,300	7,400	900	2,300	600	43,500	11,200	948,200
Total Government	24,600	6,100	1,300	4,100	1,500	37,600	13,000	427,400
Federal	1,000	600	60	100	100	1,900	900	28,800
State	5,300	4,940	20	800	400	7,200	1,900	103,800
Local	18,300	5,200	1,200	3,200	1,100	28,900	10,600	294,800
Change from one month ago March 2003								
Civilian Labor Force*	100	100	-200	400	0	400	300	-7,700
Employed	1,300	600	100	600	200	2,700	1,500	14,300
Unemployed	-1,300	-500	-300	-200	-200	-2,400	-1,200	-22,200
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.5%	-0.8%	-2.4%	-0.7%	-1.6%	-0.7%	-1.1%	-0.7%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	0.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.1%
Total Nonfarm	2,300	400	480	600	100	3,900	1,600	25,500
Total Private	2,500	500	440	500	100	4,100	1,600	24,000
Goods Producing	1,000	100	80	100	100	1,300	300	8,900
Service Producing	1,300	300	400	500	100	2,600	1,300	16,600
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	1,200	100	70	100	0	1,500	300	10,000
Manufacturing	-200	0	10	0	0	-200	0	-1,100
Trade	400	100	60	20	0	600	200	2,600
Transportation & Utilities	0	0	10	20	0	100	100	2,600
Financial Activities	300	0	20	10	0	400	100	2,300
Education and Health Services	200	0	0	50	0	200	0	-600
Leisure & Hospitality	500	100	180	210	0	1,000	500	6,100
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	100	200	90	130	0	500	400	6,000
Total Government	-200	-100	40	70	0	-200	0	1,500
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100
State	-200	0	0	10	0	-200	0	900
Local	0	-100	40	60	0	0	0	700
Change from one year ago April 2002								
Civilian Labor Force*	7,400	2,400	400	1,200	900	12,400	4,900	62,700
Employed	7,400	2,400	400	1,200	900	12,200	4,900	63,300
Unemployed	-100	0	0	0	0	0	0	-700
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.2%	-0.1%	-0.7%	0.0%	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.3%	-0.1%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	-0.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.1%
Total Nonfarm	3,600	1,300	200	600	400	6,100	2,400	-800
Total Private	3,400	1,300	200	500	400	5,700	2,300	0
Goods Producing	100	-400	0	-100	100	-400	-400	-19,400
Service Producing	3,600	1,700	200	600	300	6,400	2,900	18,600
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	700	0	0	0	0	700	100	-8,900
Manufacturing	-600	-400	-100	-100	0	-1,100	-500	-10,600
Trade	300	0	0	-100	100	300	-100	500
Transportation & Utilities	-200	0	0	0	100	-200	100	-700
Financial Activities	700	100	100	100	0	900	200	3,400
Education and Health Services	600	100	0	200	100	1,000	400	6,900
Leisure & Hospitality	1,100	600	300	500	100	2,500	1,400	1,300
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	900	800	-100	-100	0	1,500	600	17,500
Total Government	300	0	0	100	0	400	200	-900
Federal	-100	-100	0	0	0	-100	-100	-700
State	-200	0	0	0	0	-200	0	-1,100
Local	500	0	0	100	0	600	100	1,000

* Includes participants residing in area. ** Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted. Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. N/A = data is benchmarked to 3/2002

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